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Board of Supervisors

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BOARD VOTES OVERWHELMINGLY TO OVERRIDE VETO OF ENTIRE COUNTY BUDGET

Board boldly goes where no Walker has gone before

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors successfully reached the two-thirds majority needed to override County Executive Scott Walker’s veto of the entire 2007 County Budget. The 14-5 vote means the Board’s version of the County Budget will be administered in 2007, including all amendments passed by the Board November 6th.

After the meeting, Board Chairman Lee Holloway said it was the right thing to do. “This budget preserves many of the County’s signature services that benefit people from all walks of life. From courtroom security, to maintaining our parks, to mental health services, we’re better off keeping the amendments our Finance Committee spent so much time crafting,” Holloway said.

Finance Committee Chairman Richard Nyklewicz, Jr., said, “If the County Executive truly believes we have a long-term fiscal imbalance on our hands, then it was irresponsible to veto the entire budget and not be a part of the solution.”

Supervisor Lynne De Bruin, one of three Supervisors targeted by Walker in the local media, said today’s override means other local governments will be able to get their tax bills processed on schedule. “While I didn’t prefer a tax increase,” De Bruin said, “it’s reasonable and necessary to have a balanced budget, which was my top priority.”

Today’s vote means the 2007 Budget, as adopted by the County Board, will be administered by the County Executive’s office for the 2007 fiscal year, which begins January 1, 2007.

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